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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A New Test!

THE one concrete development which has so far emerged from the Bermuda conference is agreement on the Big Three's reply to the Soviet offer to join in Four-Power talks. This, of course, was a relatively easy decision to reach, merely requiring careful consideration of the precise phrasing of the note. Wisely, the Big Three leaders have decided to inject no pre-conditions, the assumption, if not the hope, being that Russia is prepared to meet the Allies' oft-expressed desire to tackle urgent European questions which may, in turn, lead to exploring wider international problems. It would be foolish, however, to anticipate spectacularly rapid agreement on any points likely to be raised at the proposed Berlin conference. Russia has already very broadly hinted that she will try to make an issue out of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Defence Community—the latter being especially obnoxious to the Kremlin. The early stages of the Big Four conference are almost certain to be featured by a Soviet display of polemics, and the talks may even break down before they can really get started. Any attempt by the Soviets to have China brought into the discussions relating to Europe will be implacably resisted by the Western allies; so too will any endeavour to have NATO and EDC placed on the agenda for debate. But while the prospects for a successful Four-Power conference cannot be considered notably bright, the occasion will offer itself as yet another test of Russian sincerity, both in motives and intentions. It has been the United States argument that Russia is unwilling to give any positive signs of wanting to ease her international relations with the Western world, and it must be admitted that her offer to take part in Four-Power talks cannot, at this time, be rated higher than a gesture. But if the conference materialises, Russia will then be placed in a position where she either has to give substance to the gesture, or confirm American suspicions of her integrity. She is no longer able to pull wool over the eyes of the rest of the world.

BIG THREE PARLEYS NEARING END

Reported Indo-China Mission Project

KOREA: FRANCE, BRITAIN SEEK ASSURANCES

Bermuda, Dec. 7. The Big Three neared the end of their first postwar meeting tonight with the United States reported ready to send a military mission to Indo-China to help train the Vietnamese Army fighting the Communists.

Official reports on the last-minute series of top-level meetings among President Eisenhower, Premier Joseph Laniel of France and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain were not expected until the end of the final session, starting at 10 p.m. (10 a.m., Tues. HKT).

But authoritative sources told of Franco-American negotiations on Indo-China and of a United States offer for the "integration of atomic weapons into the North Atlantic alliance" as a means of bolstering European defences.

However, it was understood most of the final day of the four-day conference was devoted to Far Eastern problems, including the establishment of an ironclad Korean peace. This was discussed in a two-hour 20-minute mid-day meeting.

The Big Three, with the Foreign Ministers present, met from 5 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. tonight and then recessed for dinner. The final session was scheduled for 10 p.m.—United Press.

REQUEST TO US

Bermuda, Dec. 7. The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, supported by the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, today asked President Eisenhower to keep America's allies in the United Nations Command informed in advance of any new plans in the event of a breakdown in the Korean political conference. It was revealed here after the Big Three this morning had dealt with the French Foreign Ministry, M. Jacques Roux.

GENERAL SITUATION

The meeting of the Big Three was confined to a study of the general situation in the Far East, with a more detailed examination of particular questions left for discussion by experts and by the foreign ministers of the three powers, well-informed sources said.

Taking the initiative at the talks, the British Prime Minister was reported to have urged that the policy of lessening international tension, which he favoured in Europe, should be applied in the Far East, especially in connection with Western policy towards Communist China.

President Eisenhower, however, was reported to have indicated that it was not possible for America to soften its attitude towards the Peking government before the results of the projected Korean political conference were known.

The Indo-China situation, it stated, was only briefly mentioned by M. Bidault and was due to be discussed by experts in the afternoon.

The American spokesman, Mr James Hagerty, after the conference this morning, revealed that the vast question of the Far East had been the topic of the general discussion of the Big Three during their two-hour meeting but that this problem had also been brought up in parallel talks all through the conference—at lunches, dinners and other functions where conversations could be held in an informal atmosphere.

EDC TALKS END

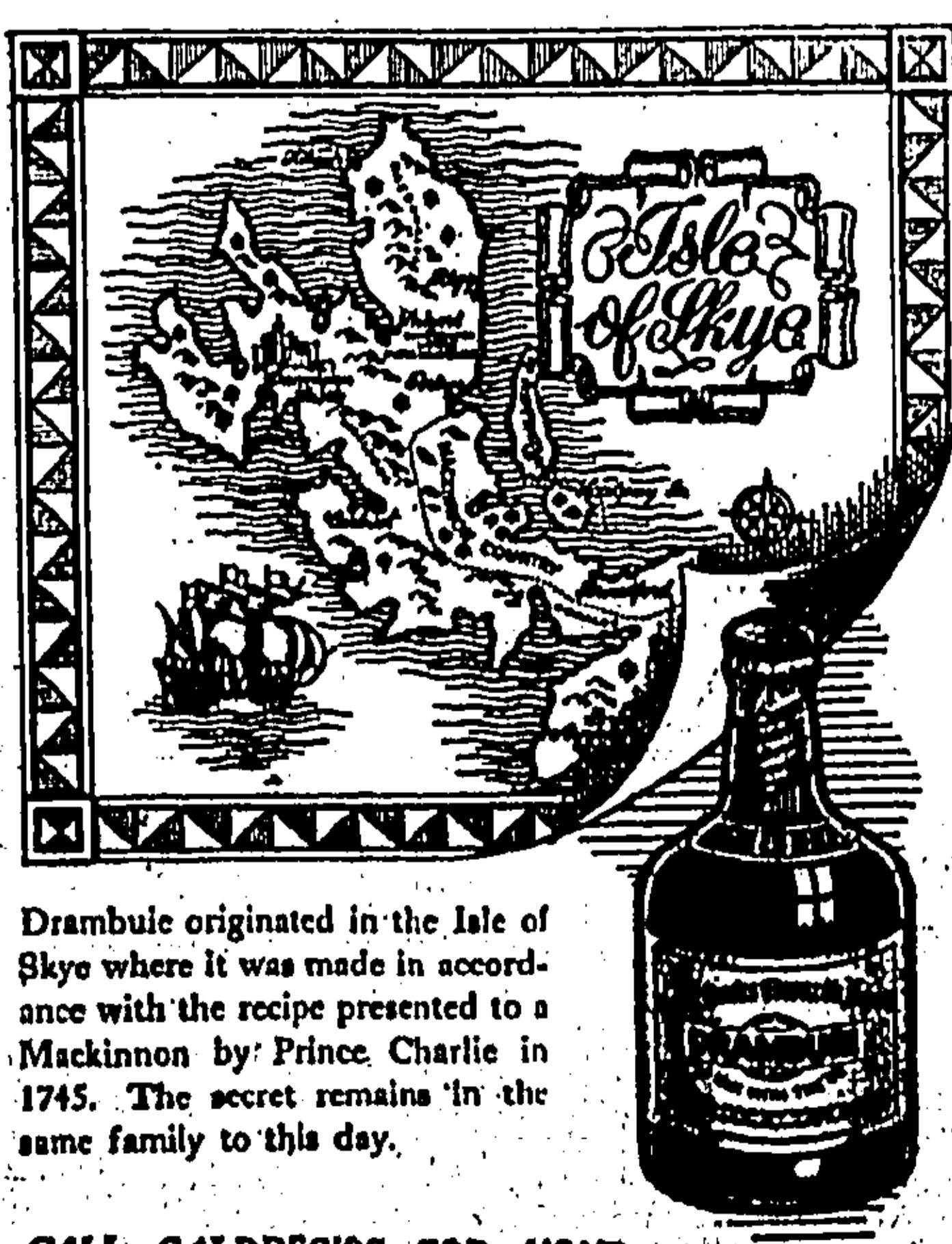
The British spokesman, Mr D'Arcy Edmondson, said that the talks on the European Defence Community had been concluded and had not been brought up at this morning's conference.

Mr Edmondson added that the comments of the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, on the text of the Western reply to the Soviet note on a four-power conference in Berlin had not yet reached Bermuda but that the three delegations were hoping to receive a communication from Dr Adenauer today.

The British spokesman said he could not give an indication when the final communiqué on the Bermuda conference would be published.

This afternoon, the three Western leaders were discussing Middle East questions and the talks were expected to continue until the evening.

President Eisenhower, who was working on his scheduled speech on atomic matters to be delivered before the United Nations General Assembly, will



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Subjects Taboo

New York, Dec. 7. Britain today declined to discuss Central African Federation, the anti-Mao May campaign in Kenya and the position of the Kabaka of Buganda.

These matters were raised by India in the 10-nation Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

The British delegate, Mr W. A. Matheson, told the Committee that these matters were outside its work. No further discussion took place and the Committee completed its work for the present session—Reuters.

Iron Curtain Escapees



BIG FOUR MEETING, JANUARY 4

Washington, Dec. 7.

The Big Three will propose to Russia that the four-Power Foreign Ministers meeting in Berlin should be on January 4, diplomatic sources here reported today.

President Eisenhower is said to have agreed on this date with Sir Winston Churchill and M. Joseph Laniel at Bermuda.

Before the Bermuda conference began, Western diplomats thought the "Big Four" talks might be in late January—mainly because of the French political situation, with the inauguration of a new President on January 17.

The proposal of January 4 reflected American determination to get the Foreign Ministers meeting over as quickly as possible to allow France to approve membership in the proposed six-nation European army immediately thereafter, the sources here said.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, is reported to have determined not to prolong the Berlin conference indefinitely if the Russians should convert it into a forum for new propaganda envoys against the West—Reuters.

BIDAULT'S PLEA

Bermuda, Dec. 7. A usually reliable French source said President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill were today considering a French plan to support a move to obtain an extension of the Atlantic Pact's 50 years from its present life of 20 years.

M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, made the request yesterday during the Big Three's talks on the European Defence Community.

M. Bidault said the extension of NATO, which now has 10 years to run before members are entitled to opt out, would help French ratification of the EDC treaty, which is for a 50-year term.

Mr. Eisenhower was non-committal yesterday.

Both he and Sir Winston Churchill stressed the importance of obtaining a European army, and did not suggest alternative ways of rearming the West Germans, a source said.

M. Bidault stressed the importance of keeping British and American troops in Europe, and said the 12 German divisions planned under EDC should not be regarded as taking the place of the Anglo-American forces—Reuters.

Inside Story Of Eisenhower's UN Speech

From RENE MacCOLL

Bermuda, Dec. 7.

The inside story of the big speech—"The perils of the atom age in which we live"—which Mr. Eisenhower is to deliver to the world from the United Nations headquarters in New York tomorrow is a story of the only real disagreement between Mr. Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill.

When Sir Winston came to Bermuda he had no idea that such a gesture was in the minds of the President and his advisers.

When Mr. Eisenhower showed Sir Winston the first draft of the speech he was "greatly upset." Thereafter, Churchill, with all the eloquence at his command tried to persuade Eisenhower to forget the whole thing. Sir Winston took the line that the speech as first drafted would "profoundly shock the world," and he pointed out that since NATO forces in Europe are now in the process of being equipped with atomic artillery and other forms of atom weapons the bluntness of Mr. Eisenhower's speech might easily be construed as a threat.

But despite the vigour of Sir Winston Churchill's pleas, Mr. Eisenhower remained quiet "sold" on the idea of the speech.

SOURCE OF IDEA

The idea is understood to have come from one of Mr. Eisenhower's most highly prized advisers, C. D. Jackson, former magazine writer who has been high in the councils of the President since the start of the President's campaign last year.

It was Jackson who produced the highly successful campaign promise by Eisenhower that he would personally go at once to the Korean battlefield if he were elected President.

When he reluctantly saw his protégé were in vain, Sir Winston Churchill set about using his influence to tone down the speech as far as possible.

Mr. Eisenhower had produced the maximum of "impact value" in his original text and Churchill told him the shock effect would have a bad and depressing result on world public opinion. People were already aware, he told Mr. Eisenhower, of the potential horrors of A and H bombs and needed no further reminder.

What they do need now is a sober and constructive approach to the problem of holding out reasonable hope that it can somehow be surmounted.

Some of the more alarmist "angels" have now vanished from the speech as a result of the counsel from Sir Winston Churchill and Lord Cherwell. It is understood that Mr. Eisenhower intends to put forward a plan for international atomic control.

He is also charged with having connived with a German woman, Ingrid Jonck, to incite American soldiers to desert.

Bidens is reported to have deserted his unit, stationed in Berlin, in April this year. He gave himself up later in the same month and was imprisoned pending trial for desertion, but he managed to escape on May 10.

He was re-arrested on August 20. An American Army commissary said a psychiatric examination showed Bidens had full possession of his faculties—Franco-Presse.

Dean's New Offer

New Zealand Dec. 7. Two Whakatane magistrates adjourned the case of a drunken driver to see if they could start a car with a horseshoe nail.

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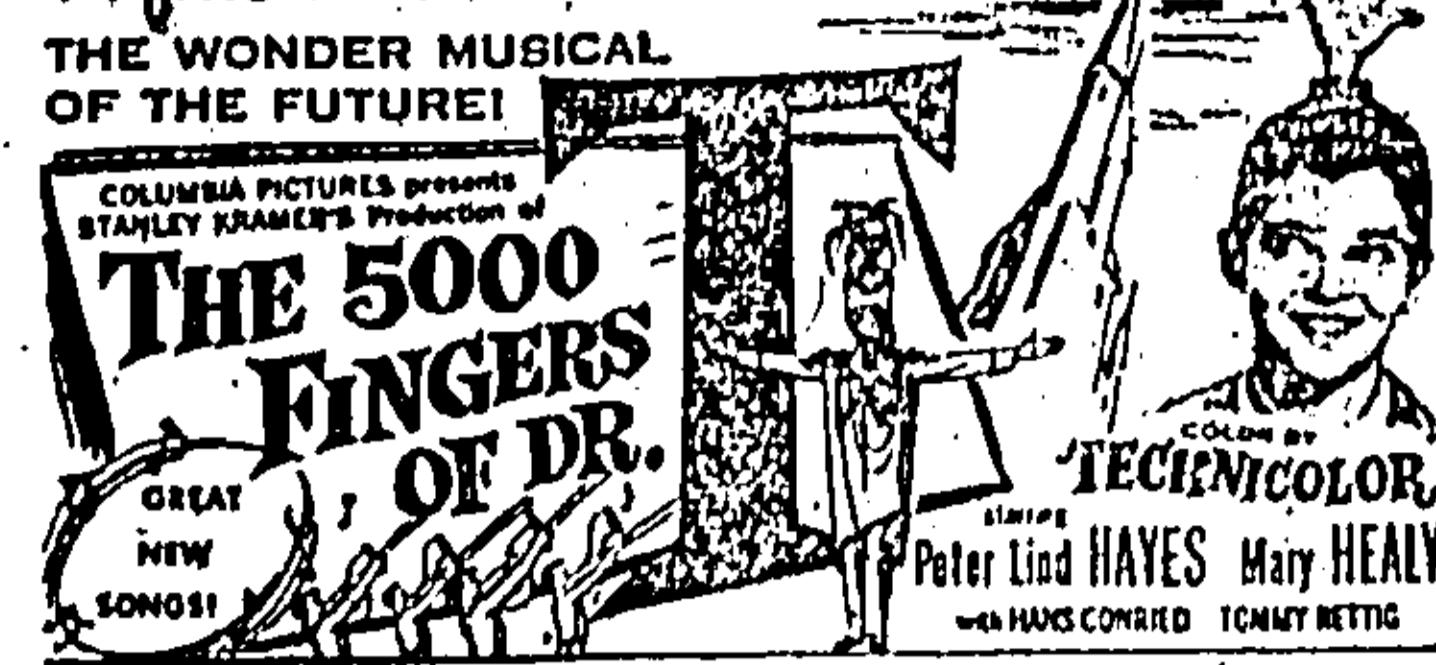
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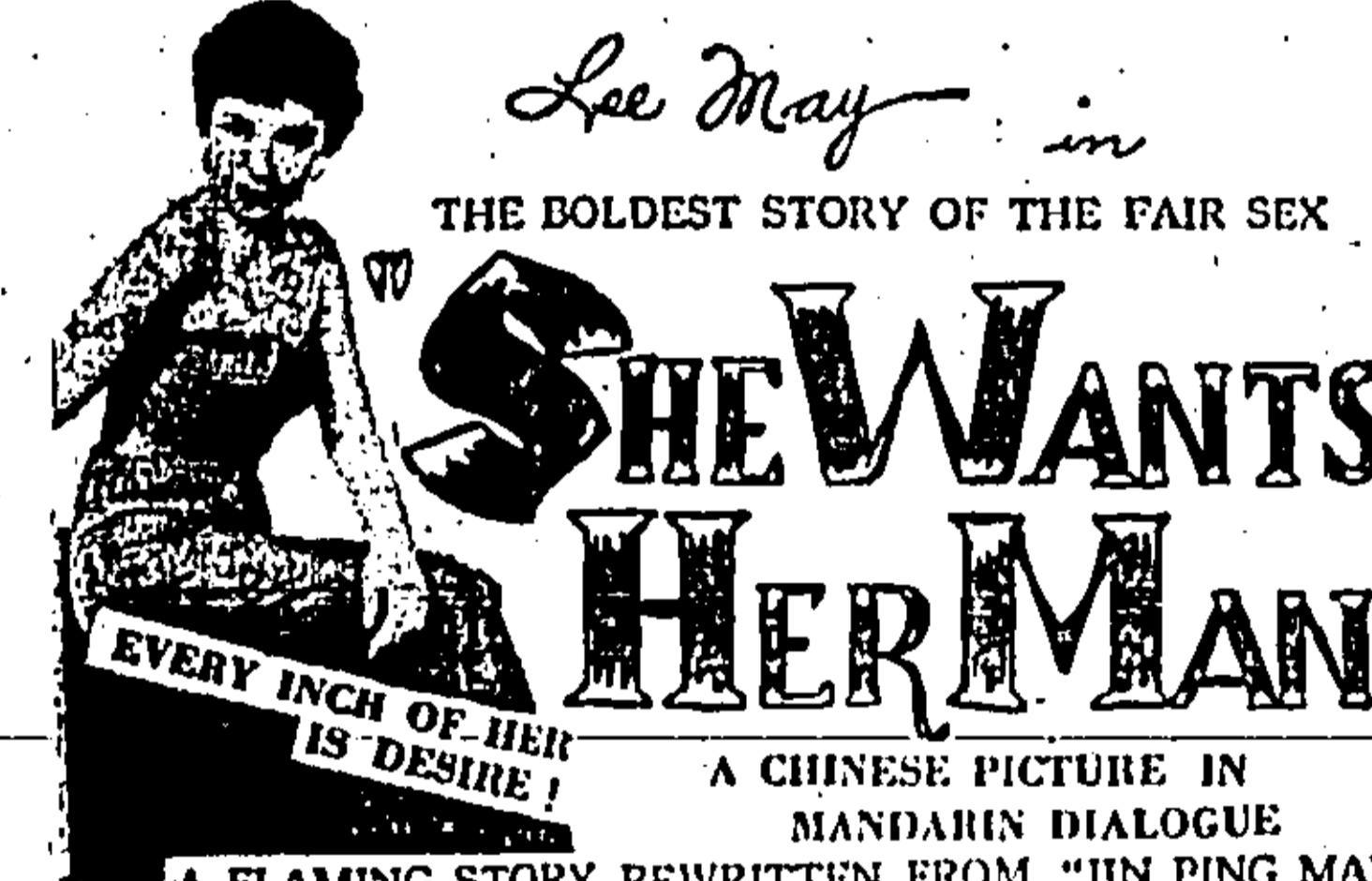
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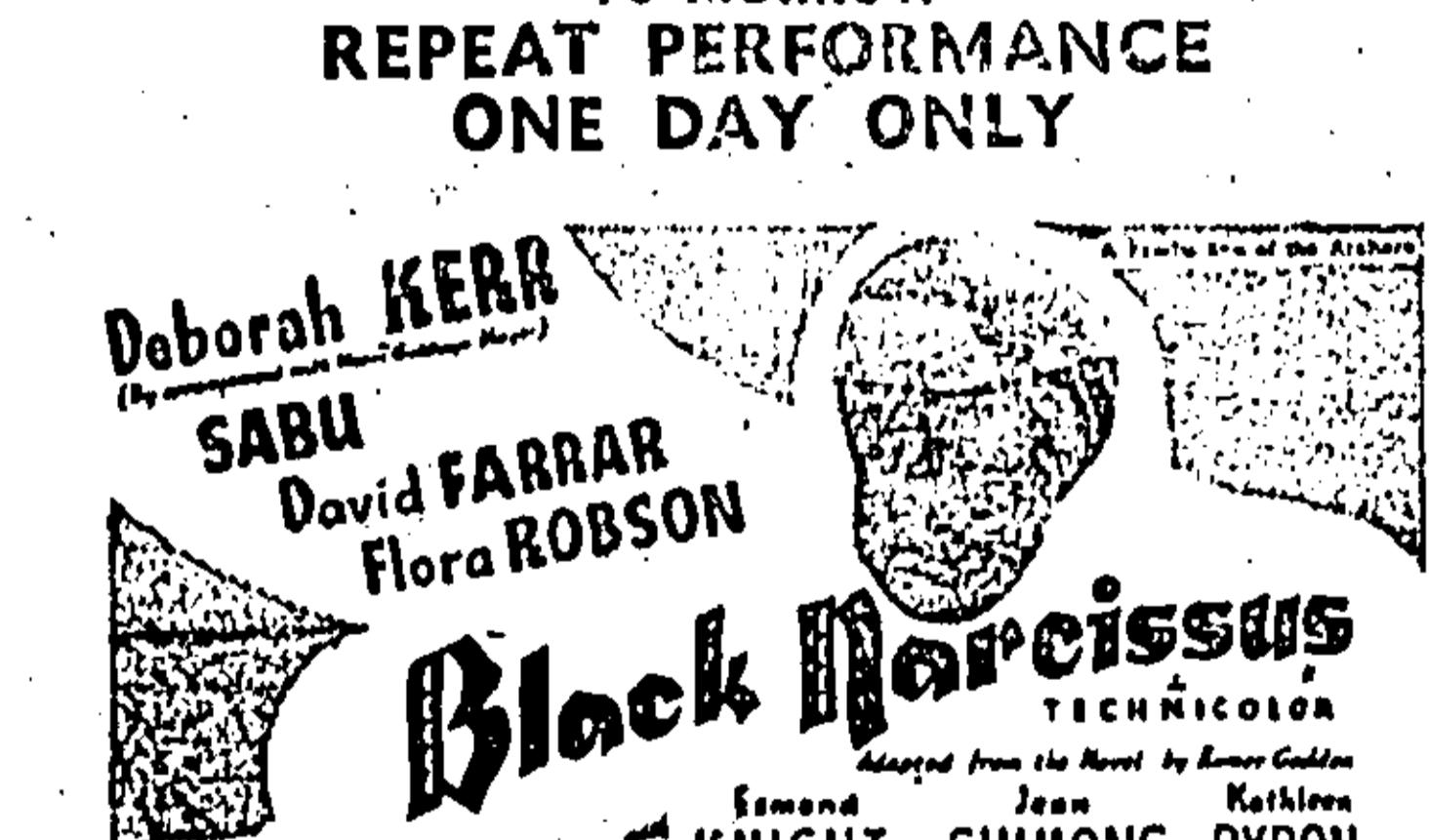
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M. LANIEL'S HEALTH**Welcome
For Jap
Professor**

TOKYO, Dec. 7.
Professor Ikuo Ozawa, who found haven from Japanese militarists in the United States during World War II, returned home today to roaring Communist welcome on an Iron Curtain junket and urged Japan to establish diplomatic relations with Russia, Communist China and North Korea.

Ozawa, who received the "Stalin Peace Prize" in Moscow and met Communist leaders in Peking and Pyongyang, told the welcoming party at the International Airport that the United States was "blocking" friendly Japanese relations with the governments of those three countries.

But he said they would welcome any friendly overtures from this country.

A crowd, estimated at 400, roared out the Internationale as the KLM plane bringing Ozawa and his wife pulled up before the air terminal station.

LEFT-WINGER

Ozawa, 72, a Professor of Political Science at Waseda University, fled to the United States in 1932 when he discovered a militarist plot on his life. He obtained a position at the North-Western University at Illinois and returned to Japan after the war.

A leader in left-wing activities during the post-war occupation, he was awarded the "Stalin peace prize" in 1952. He was barred by the Japanese Government from going to Moscow to accept it, but he received a passport this year on the pretence of attending an academic conference in Paris, and went to France in May, and to Sweden and Moscow.

Subsequently, he attended Communist gatherings in Eastern Europe, Peking and Pyongyang. Ozawa said that the people of the Soviet Union, Communist China and North Korea were very appreciative of the anti-communist movement of the Japanese people. He said that the Soviet Union's great respect for the people of Japan could be seen from the recent repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war.—United Press.

ANZUS Meeting

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7.
United States, Australian and New Zealand naval chiefs will meet this week at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, to discuss defence problems, according to its Sun News Pictorial here today.

Australia will be represented by Vice Admiral Sir John Colling, America by Admiral Felix Stump and New Zealand by Commodore Sir Charles Midden.

The Sun quoted—the Australian Navy Minister, Mr William McMahon, as saying the discussions would be a continuation of those held at Pearl Harbour in 1951.—Reuter.

**Unable To Leave
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M. Laniel is still not completely recovered and the touch of pleurisy still remains. Despite his illness, however, he has been seeing other members of the French delegation, in particular the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault.

He has, on his physician's orders, been confined to his room until the results of the first X-ray are known.

Lord Moran, Sir Winston Churchill's personal physician, and the head doctor of the Hamilton Hospital, Dr Curtis, were due to examine M. Laniel again tonight.

Today, the Premier's chauffeur sent a long telegram to Madame Laniel giving details of the state of his health.

IMPROVING

in Paris today it was revealed that the Premier's office had received reports from Bermuda confirming the fact that the Premier's condition was improving and that M. Laniel was now able to do a little walking, although he was still not allowed to leave his room.

The fact that M. Laniel will not leave Bermuda for Paris before Friday, it was stated, is merely a precautionary measure to give him two or three days' rest before making the flight back home.

Tonight, the sitting Premier telephoned his wife in Paris and told her that he hoped to see her soon. Madame Laniel and her husband's voice sounded quite clear and that he did not seem to indicate any signs of fatigue.

The French Premier is expected to have an interview with the British Prime Minister before Sir Winston leaves for London tomorrow.—France Presse.

Sterling Purchase

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.
The Canadian Monetary Fund announced today that the Government of Japan had purchased £ from the Fund pounds sterling to the equivalent of US\$12,040,000.

In September of November of this year, Japan purchased £10,000,000 from the Fund.—United Press.

CANADIAN COD

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 7.
The Canadian Government announced today a contribution of 1,000 tons of Canadian salted cod valued at \$300,000 to the United Nations Emergency Relief Programme in Korea.

The cod will be shipped to Korea from Halifax before the end of the year.

The relief programme is in addition to the long-range Korean reconstruction programme to which Canada has paid \$7,250,000.—United Press.

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LYTTELTON AND DEPOSED CHIEF

London, Dec. 7. The deposed Kabaka of Buganda, King Mutesa, the Second, today had a half-hour talk with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, at the Colonial Office.

Afterwards the Kabaka issued a statement announcing that a delegation from Buganda would be leaving shortly for London. —France-Presse.

"DANCING" MAJOR'S CHILD

Cairo, Dec. 7. British military authorities said today after an army doctor had examined the polio-stricken two-year-old son of Major Salim Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, that the crisis has now passed.

Major Salem, a strong critic of Britain, especially on the Suez Canal zone, first sought the advice of a British Army expert when the disease was reaching a crisis. He also accepted the services of two British army nurses.

Major Salem said today in an article in a newspaper that Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egyptian Vice Premier and chief negotiator with the British in the informal talks on the future of the Suez Canal zone, had told Britain "the Egyptians harbour no enmity for Russia because they had never seen a Russian soldier occupying their land, while every Egyptian hated the British."

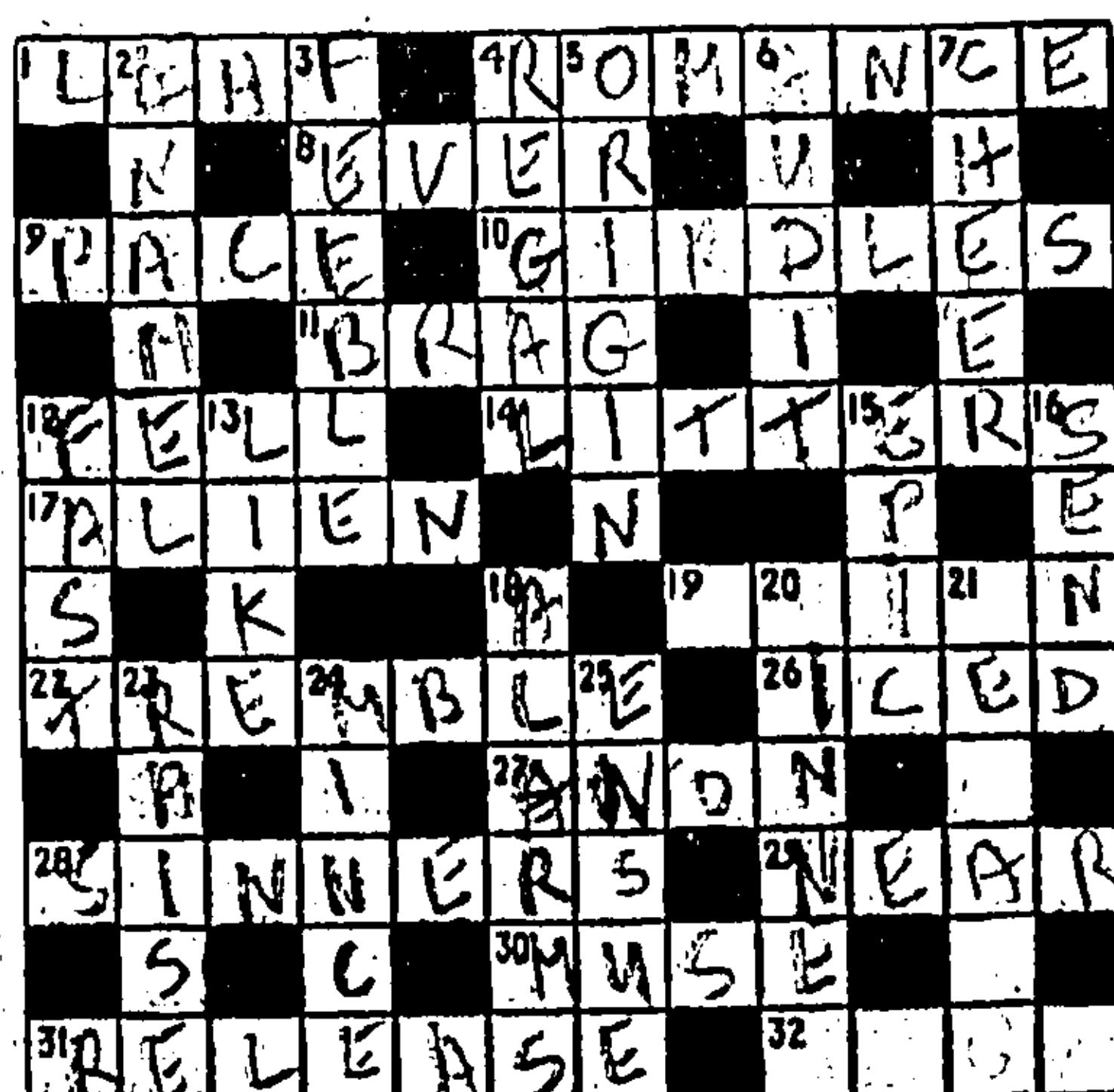
The British had been told that if they wanted a base in the Suez Canal zone "this base must be Egyptian, serving Egypt and the Arab Collective Security Pact." —Reuter.

Corrective Labour

New York, Dec. 7. The United Nations General Assembly today approved a resolution by the Social Committee urging the "abolition of all systems of forced or corrective labour."

The vote, in a plenary session of the Assembly, was 40 in favour, five against (Soviet group) with 12 abstentions, on a resolution sponsored in part by Britain, the United States and Australia. It was approved by the Assembly's Social Committee on November 27.

The resolution also invited the Economic and Social Council to consider "as a matter of urgency" the report of the Special Committee on Forced Labour and to report back to the General Assembly next year. —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle**ACROSS**

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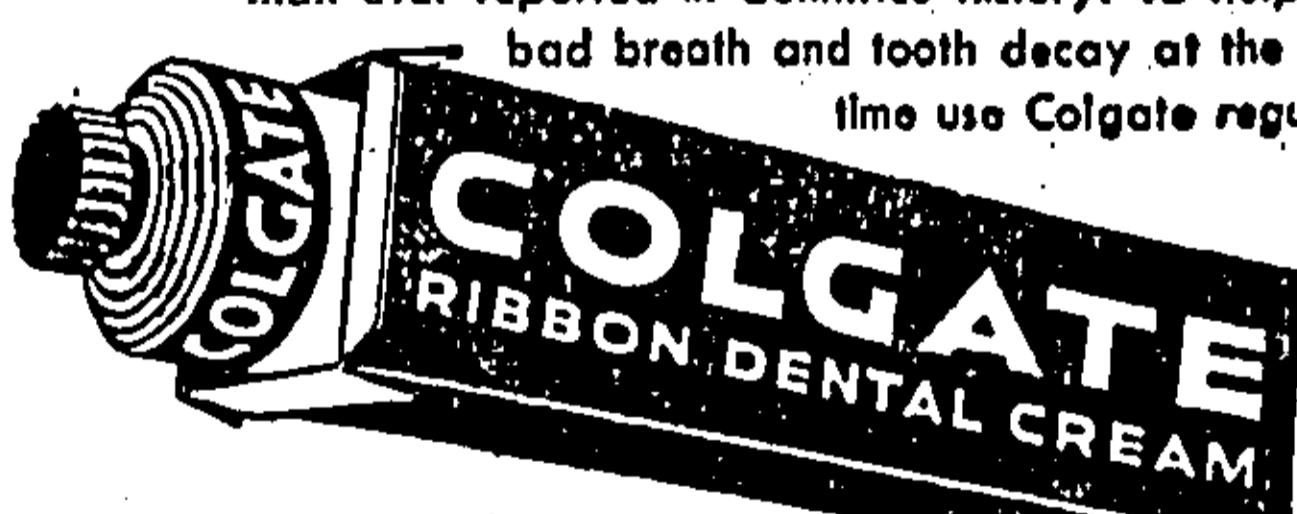
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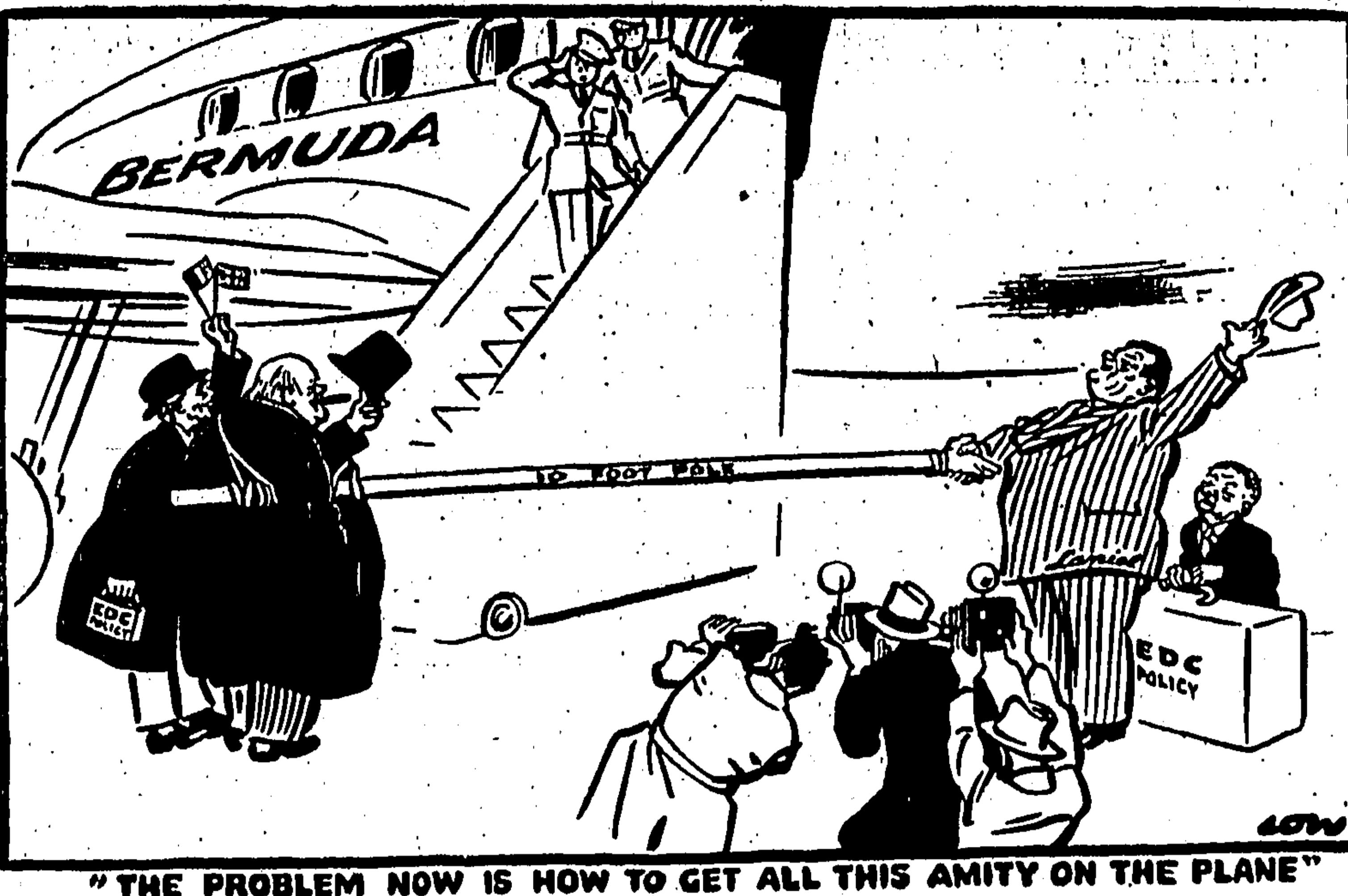
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I couldn't sink OR swim . . .

JAMES LEASOR takes a dip—and goes to Jericho

Jericho. The Dead Sea is a few miles out of Jericho. The road just peters out by the local police station on the beach.

The waves of the Dead Sea were frothy like soapsuds as I stepped in gently; the water raw and sharp to the skin.

I lay on the water kicking my legs. Each time they seemed to leap out of the sea of their own accord, and the Leasor torso lay unashamedly upon the water.

I came out most thankfully, caked with drying white salt like Lot's wife, who turned into a pillar of salt because she looked behind her.

Perhaps Tomorrow

I asked the local cafe for a hot drink and received the stock answer in these parts: "It is not just now possible, perhaps tomorrow, who knows."

Pressing the point I asked why no one should know and the reply was: "My hot drinks have just now been taken by thieves!"

I left it at that, but the point is worth noting. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is much changed since the Old Testament days when a certain man fell among thieves, but it is still over-easy to be robbed—especially by avaricious taxi-



No sinking feeling . . .

drivers who assume that all Westerners are employed by the United Nations.

Jericho is a town of white houses, white walls and wide streets, and a few miles away are the ruins of the palace of the ancient King Hashem—ancestor of the present King Hussein of this Hashemite kingdom, Jordan—and the ruins of the old wall.

Dr. not believe those who claim the walls of Jericho could not have fallen down by people marching round them and sounding off trumpets. They have not seen the ruins.

Only other place of interest in Jericho is the huge "Winter Palace" much loved by old King Abdullah. His grandson, the present king, does not use it much. Although he is young—19 last month—he has a strong mind of his own.

This was noticed by the courtiers, when the late King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia sent a fleet of Dakotas to fetch him down on a recent state visit.

Hussein did not want to fly by Dakota, he preferred to fly his own English Dove, and that is how he went with the Dakotas tagging on behind.

Outside Jericho I managed to lend a hand to help a Bedouin restart an ancient bus which had broken down and so kept up the Good Samaritan tradition.

Best Export

The Samaritans by the way hail from the town of Nablus, where a Briton, Jack Hackett Paid, is one of the last English legends in these parts.

He is the British Consul, a bachelor, and immensely popular. His consulate is on the top of a high hill, and when sometimes the locals, many of them Communists, try to organise an anti-British parade most of them fall out before they reach the hill top.

"What do you do with the remainder?" I asked him. He grinned. "I've got an outfit in Union Jacks, an enormous one, and I run that up."

This is seemingly one of the sights of Nablus and, even the ranks of rioters can scarce forbear to cheer and march off happily again.

In fact it wouldn't surprise me if most just naked in order to see the performance.

Men like Hackett Paid are Britain's best export.

FEAST OF THRILLS AS SAILORS EDGE OUT AIRMEN BY 13-11 SCORE

By OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT

The thrill of flying gloves, the thud of leather on flesh and the tumultuous applause united to provide another memorable evening when the Royal Navy boxers tackled the Royal Air Force at the Mission to Seamen last night.

There were so many big moments during the evening that it is difficult to decide just where the main honours lay, but if I award the place of merit to local boy Henry Wong I am sure the spectators who saw the show, and there was a very large crowd, will give me their backing.

Wong participated in one of the special contests on a well balanced programme and he went into the ring against LAC Johnson who defeated him in the last promotion at the Southern Playground.

Last night we saw a new Wong. The fancy-pants showman had disappeared and in his place we saw a non-stop fighter who threw blows from every angle and at every opportunity.

The crowd was on its feet roaring approval from first going to last, and the reception accorded to the boys at the end of a magnificent scrap, showed that everyone had enjoyed it.

And on this occasion Henry Wong, the new Henry Wong, was a worthy and popular winner, but once again Johnson it is known he had been in a tough fight.

THE SENSATION

Local fans will want to see S/M Gerraghty of the Royal Navy again. This tall, thin-headed lightweight was the sensation of the evening and his fire and power in striping of LAC Wright was one of the best things we have seen in the Colony in long time.

Gerraghty is a Welsh internationalist and no one who had the pleasure of seeing him in action last night can doubt that the Welsh boxing authorities will be glad to see him back in the United Kingdom again.

He has a rumpled left hand and a right that was like the kick of the proverbial mule.

Wright, clever boxer that he is, simply never had a chance and the referee did the right thing in stopping the fight in the second round.

There were the usual fireworks when AB Kirby stepped into the ring, but this time his furious flying fists failed to dispose of his opponent, SAC Smyth, inside the distance, but they did enough to bring him a comfortable victory on points, although Smyth gave him plenty of trouble on the way.

Sig. Boult, RN, is getting himself a reputation as the thrill-provider-in-chief and last night was no exception. His scrap with Cpl. Ross, RAF, was a typical heavyweight contest with lots of hard hitting and thrills galore.

RIGHT AGAIN?

By HENRY LONGHURST

When, some three years ago, the Royal and Ancient and the United States Golf Association combined, amid universal congratulations, to produce a common worldwide code of rules, a voice cried alone in the wilderness.

It was that of Robert Harris, winner of the "Evening Telegraph" Cup, now known as the Scottish Amateur Championship, in 1902, amateur champion in 1925, and three times captain of the British Walker Cup team.

The new rules contained one "revolution." The unholy trinity of golf-balls lost, out of bounds, and unplayable—became penalised by "distance only," one stroke in place of two. In the general and, as it turned out, premature rejoicing, for the change was an immediate and total failure, the discordant voice of Robert Harris went unheard.

That should be so, coming from so distinguished a golfer who had himself served on the rules of golf committee for nearly a quarter-century, was due largely to the somewhat temperate phraseology with which he put his case in a privately printed pamphlet, the circularising of which gave greater offence at St Andrews than perhaps was warranted.

The new system of play, he said, would "effectively make impossible the Walker and Fydr Cup matches . . . incidents causing disputes would be frequent and inevitable . . . tours of British teams abroad would be folly . . . the Old Course at St Andrews would become a sea-side link for children and holiday-makers." Members of the R. & A. were urged to vote against the desecration of the Old Course and the threatened mutilation of their heritage."

He wants to restore to golf its lost simplicity, both in play and in regulation. He wants, like most who give unbiased thought to the matter, a standardised shorter ball, which would give us the same number of shots in a shorter distance, quicker play, two rounds a day in comfort for the middle-ages, and tees beside the green instead of 100 yards away in the wrong direction. It would also, of course, "make" many of the smaller courses, confined in urban areas and now reduced contemptibly to a drive and a pitch, and would restore to the game many of the celebrated hazards outdistanced by the modern ball.

He loathes, and who doesn't? the present "manhandling" of the ball on the green, and the artificial costliness of the 14 matched clubs and the upkeep of manured fairways. With all this and the money tournaments and the ballyhoo—his reference to the "marionettes of commerce" scores a bull's-eye here—he finds forgotten the elementary fact that golf is a game.

This theme, remembering the qualifications of the writer, makes "Sixty Years of Golf" to my mind a significant book. I am also finding it, in its reminiscient moments, unusually entertaining as well. I commend it, with respect to the golf ball sub-committee appointed by St Andrews in 1924, whose report is awaited, I believe, with interest. Harris was right before, though I did not think so at the time. He may well be right again—and I do think so at the time.

INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY



Franjo Mihalic of Yugoslavia leads Frans Herman of Belgium to win the Grand International Cross Country Race at Evere airfield near Brussels.—Express Photo.

SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Royal Challenger Has Stamina In Pedigree

Says JAMES PARK

There is bound to be a diversity of opinion on the stamina potential of Royal Challenger. Connections may also have had some doubt, as the colt was entered for the 2,000 Guineas and Derby but not for the St Leger. Perhaps he was put in the Derby just in case.

So before examining his credentials as revealed by two-year-old running, it may be as well to take a look at his breeding.

Royal Challenger is by Royal Charger out of Skerweather by Singapore out of Nash Light by Galloper Light out of Pointe by Pommern. There is a wealth of staying blood in the lower half of the pedigree.

OF TWO TYPES

Royal Charger did not stay more than a mile, but it goes to his credit that he has already sired an Irish St Leger-winner in Sea Charger. I should say the dam of Royal Challenger is at least as stoutly bred as the dam of Sea Charger.

Throughout the season I studied the Royal Charger two-year-olds, and found them of two types. Some appeared to

CHINA BEATS PHILIPPINES AT BASKETBALL

Bangkok, Dec. 8.—The Hongkong women's team defeated Malaya 26-25 in the charity basketball tournament here today.

In the men's division, the Nationalist China men's team defeated the Philippines 44-33 and South Vietnam defeated Malaya 55-53.

During the game, the key Nationalist China player, Wang Yi-ling, was stabbed twice with needles about an inch long each. He received a wound in the ball, or when the ball lay in "water Fifth," i.e., the slime left by the receding tide.

Wang pulled the needles out to show to the referee, but continued to play until one minute before the game's end when a substitute was sent in.—United Press.

KCC CRICKET TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following will represent KCC in the First Division Cricket League match against HKCC Scorpions at Chater Road on Saturday, commencing at 1.30 p.m.:

P. V. Dodge, B. C. N. Carnell, D. Coffey, H. Chamberlain, R. Jenner, A. T. Lee, R. E. Lee, S. V. Glittins, P. Hall, F. Wood, A. Zimmern.

Scorer—Mrs H. Chamberlain.

Like after the matronly side of racing, I should have felt on safer ground in passing an opinion if the time in the Middle Park Stakes had been what I expected.

Royal Challenger comes into the latter category and I am sure his would have stayed a mile as a two-year-old.

The maternal grand sire, Singapore, won the St Leger and in the next two removes we find Gainsborough, Bayardo and Sunstar. In addition to those already mentioned, Royal Challenger is a half-brother to Stormless, who was twice a winner over two miles.

Royal Challenger comes into the latter category and I am sure his would have stayed a mile as a two-year-old.

Taking everything into consideration, Royal Challenger may be entitled to the benefit of the doubt, but I would have felt much happier about it all but for his time in the Middle Park Stakes.

—(London Express Service)

DEFEAT BY ALBANIA THE LAST STRAW

London, Dec. 7.—Poland's Stalinograd Radio today criticised the "pitiful state" of Polish football, "accusing some players of drunkenness and 'behaving like Hollywood stars.'

It said the national team was "a collection of old players about to grow white beards."

The radio called for younger players and more discipline and training.

It said the problem came to a head after the Polish International team was twice defeated by Albania, including a "pitiful defeat" yesterday on the home ground at Warsaw.—Reuter.

HUNGARY LEADS IN MODERN PENTATHLON

Rocas De Santo Domingo, Chile, Dec. 7.—Hungary advanced to first position in the team standings of the Modern Pentathlon World Championships today after the fencing competition, second event in the tournament.

The present standings follow:

1. Hungary, with 83 points (against); 2. Brazil, 56; 3. Sweden, 59; Argentina, 60; Chile, 72; United States, 74; Uruguay, 80.—United Press.

GARDNER STARTS HIS COME-BACK BID TONIGHT

By JACK MARSH

London.

When Jack Gardner, former British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, meets the Italian title-holder, Ugo Bacchieri, at Harringay tonight he will find the come back road tough going from the start.

Gardner has been out of boxing ever since he sustained a serious eye injury when he lost on points to Johnny Williams of Rugby in March last year. And 18 months is a long time to be out of the ring.

But he has trained intensively which he had in the past, he may soon lose interest.

One or two quick KO victories on the other hand would set him up as Europe's best, for whatever the ability of the other heavyweights, numerically at least they are strictly limited.

—(London Express Service)

FANLING GOLF

It was found necessary to postpone the Final for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Match Play Championship which was scheduled to be played on Sunday; this will be played on a date to be announced later.

R. K. Collings won the December Qualifier for the Captain's Cup on the New Course with a score of 79-8=nett 71. G. O. W. Stewart being runner-up with 81-9=nett 72. The winner of the O.ional Pool on the New Course was R. Main with nett 80.

L. G. King was the winner in the monthly Qualifying round on the Old Course with a return of 83-14=nett 60 the runner-up being A. M. Mack who returned 88-18=nett 70.

The following players have qualified in this competition during the year and these will be included in the draw for the match-play stages of the Cups:

D. L. Anderson, W. J. Barker, R. K. Collings, W. M. Chalmers, W. C. Hung, O. L. Jones, E. G. King, J. R. Leitch, J. Linaker, K. A. Miller, R. G. L. Oliphant, W. H. Paterson, H. G. Smith, L. F. Stokes, D. Shaw, A. V. White.

Annual General Meeting

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held at the Hongkong Club on Friday, December 11, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

SHEK-O TOURNEE

The Eclectic Competition played during the month of November proved to be as popular as ever—104 cards having been taken out. There was a tie in the "A" section (12 and under) between E. W. McGregor and N. P. Fox with a net 51. Other good scores being J. Byngton 52 and H. G. Banham 53.

In the "B" section (13 and over) S. M. Backe had the extraordinarily low score of 40.

Men—400 metres free style 5 mins. 1.18.22; 500 metres, 1.18.53; 1000 metres, 1.18.07.

Wire Folly 1.18.00
Royal Challengers 1.18.22
Parakeet (3 yrs.) 1.14.43

Nearulis' time last year was what could have been expected. It stamped him as a top-class two-year-old. Royal Challenger's time is so slow as to make it clear that the race was not run at a true pace throughout.

These recommendations have been forwarded to the Singapore Olympic Sports Council for approval and are as follows:

Men—400 metres free style 5 mins. 1.18.22; 500 metres, 1.18.53; 1000 metres, 1.18.07; 200 metres breast stroke 3 mins. 20 secs.; 200 metres backstroke 3 mins. 20 secs.; 800 metres free style 10 mins. 30 secs.; 4 x 200 metres free style relay average 1 min. 15 secs.

This month there will be a Running Medal and a Running Bogen Competition, both of which are open to 5 day members.

Floodlit Football

Leeds, Dec. 7.—Leeds United, the English Second Division club, beat East Fife, Scottish League Cup holders, by three goals to one in a friendly floodlight football match here tonight.—Reuter.

Kowloon Tong beat the Kowloon Cricket Club 4-1.

League Snooker

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ENGLAND'S DEFENCE IN ACTION



The English centre-half, H. Johnston (white shirt, right) is challenged by a Hungarian attacker, G. Merrick, the England goalkeeper (left foreground), waits to take the ball in the England-Hungary match at Wembley. In centre background is J. W. Dickinson, the England left-half.—Reuterphoto.

Engagement Off

New York, Dec. 7. Mrs Estelle Auguste, 42-year-old rich widow, who a few days ago announced her engagement to the 58-year-old former world heavyweight champion, Jack Dempsey, today said that the engagement had been broken off.—France-Press.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HKASF & OC

The Hon. Kwok Chan, OBE, was unanimously elected President of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee, and Messrs H. Owen-Hughes, OBE, R. C. Lee, OBE and L. P. Kwok Vice-Presidents, at the third Annual General Meeting of the Federation yesterday evening at the Victoria Recreation Club.

Re-elected to the Board were Messrs J. Skinner (Chairman), Mr Man-fai (Vice-chairman), A. de O. Sales (Hon. Secretary-General), S. H. Pang (Deputy Secretary) and L. G. Young (Hon. Treasurer).

All the elections were for two-year terms.

The meeting also fixed January 14 as the date for an extraordinary general meeting to elect the Federation's officers for the Olympic Games.

The meeting also adopted the Report and Accounts, and re-appointed Messrs Thomas Le C. Kuen & Co. auditors.

Following is the report of the President, Mr Kwok Chan, to the meeting:

"Since the last Annual General Meeting, this Federation successfully arranged for Hongkong to participate for the first time in the Olympic Games.

Not only was the effort in itself an achievement for such a young organisation as ours, but it served to bring Hongkong to the fore in international sports.

This achievement would not have been possible had it not been for the co-operation and effort of our affiliated associations and sympathetic supporters.

Now preparations are under way for Hongkong to take part in the 1954 Asian Games at Manilu, and possibly also the Empire Games at Vancouver. However, unless financial assistance is forthcoming, our efforts will not be as successful as we would wish.

It is a matter for gratification that the membership continues to expand. We have now within our fold—all the more important controlling bodies of amateur sport in Hongkong. It is hoped that the encouragement which we have given to such branches of sport as are not yet organised on an association basis will continue to have the desired effect. It is necessary that amateur sport in Hongkong be properly organised and so to enjoy full recognition by the governing international federations.

NEW CONSTITUTION

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held last month a new Constitution was submitted to the members of the Board, and with the adoption of Art. IV, Sec. 3, was unanimously adopted. The revision of the Constitution had previously been carried out by the Executive Committee at many meetings over a long period, and the responsibility for drafting a new version of Constitution was entrusted to a special committee comprising Messrs Skinner, Ma-Man-fai, Sales, Mok Hing and Wing Leo who, as was agreed, had the difficult task of handling the question of the experts best able to handle this difficult piece of work.

The new Constitution, as drawn by these experts, was accepted by the IOC, does not recognise the East German Committee on the grounds that Germany can be represented by only one committee, and the West Germans had such recognition.

Herr Kurt Edel, President of the East German body, said: "We expect to achieve recognition during the next meeting of the International Committee, in Athens, in May next year."

The British Bloodstock Agency, acting on behalf of the Japanese Government, bought the seven-year-old mare, Darbari, at Tattersalls annual bloodstock sales which began at the Park Paddocks here today.

The mare, by the 1938 St. Leger winner, Scottish Union, went to the agency's call of \$800 guineas after some spirited bidding.

Darbari, who is out of Chaser, is believed in foal to Borosil. A total of 1,128 lots, worth over £500,000, will be auctioned in the five-day sales, and the Japanese Government are expected to bid for suitable thoroughbred mares to mate with the former Royal colour bearer, Gay Time, recently bought from the British National Stud—China Mail Special.

TEST" ENDS IN DRAW

Bombay, Dec. 7. The second unofficial "Test" match between India and the Commonwealth team ended in a draw today.

The visitors declared at 504 for six, in their first innings, India scored 153 in their first innings and 447 for 5 in the second.

The home side forced an honourable draw due to the heroic efforts of Mankad and Hazare yesterday and an exciting 14-run sixth wicket partnership between Gaddkar and Gopinath today.—France-Press.

'VARSITY RUGGER MATCH TODAY MAY BE A FORWARD BATTLE

By J. R. WATKIN

The annual Oxford and Cambridge rugby-match is something special in the annals of 'varsity sport. In popular appeal it ranks second to the Boat Race which has made the names of Oxford and Cambridge known throughout the world.

Yet in intensity of competition it is probably even more fiercely fought than the 20 odd minute battle over the stretch of Thames between Putney and Mortlake. Not even an International can set Twickenham afame more thoroughly than the sight of 30 Light and Dark Blues engaged in their annual Rugby match.

University rugby has always been looked upon to provide all that is best in running and passing. And since the war, many great players, including a large number from the Commonwealth who have been studying as Rhodes scholars at Oxford, have appeared for one or other of the Universities.

'CAP' NO GUARANTEE

Indeed in the immediate post-war years there were so many good players at both varsities that not even the possession of an International 'cap' was a guarantee of a Blue.

One player who found the truth of this was T. J. Brewster, the Oxford wing-three. Although already a Welsh International when he went to Oxford, Brewster had to wait three seasons before he was chosen to represent his University against Cambridge.

The number of ready-made players at Oxford and Cambridge has, however, gradually declined since the war and for the match this year there are only two Internationals, a Scot and a South African.

The Scot, K. J. Dalgleish, is in the centre for Cambridge and the South African, P. Johnstone, who played for the Springboks in all four Internationals in Britain two years ago, is on the Oxford wing.

But though they may be lacking in Internationals, Oxford are remaining true to their post-war tradition of including a large number of South Africans—despite the fact that a few angry Cambridge supporters now call them 'Springboxford.'

His forte, however, is his goal-kicking and in this respect there are seven in the side this year and one lone New Zealander, front row forward J. J. Steel of St Andrews, N.Z., and New College.

THE ONE BIG "NAME"

It is fair, I think, to say that Johnstone is the one really big 'name' on either side. The defensive qualities of Dalgleish are not perhaps of the high order one expects to see in Internationals. Therefore it is

of those who took part in that match Oxford have seven 'Blues' for the game this year and Cambridge nine.

Whether this game will produce vintage running comparable with the best pre-war and immediate post-war years depends to a large degree upon the weather which has not on recent occasions been too kind to the Universities.

SIGNIFICANT

It is significant, too, that this year both captains are in the pack. Ramsay, one of the most mobile of footballers, directs the Oxford activities from the lock forward position and Wheeler, the Cambridge skipper, is in the second row of the scrum.

The trend in rugby since the war has been for captains to be selected from the position in which their team has most strength.

Apart from Johnstone and Dalgleish there are no backs on either side who could safely name now as potential match-winners. The fear, therefore, must be that this will be another of those hard-fought forward battles which may be so satisfying to those actually participating but not exactly thrilling for those merely watching.

Then maybe that is as it should be. Rugby was ever a game for playing rather than watching.

THE TEAMS

Oxford — D.A.B. Robinson (Hilton, S.A. Trinity); P.G. Johnstone (Hilton S.A., St. John's); H.B. Barrell (St. Andrew's, S.A. Lincoln); T.J. Fulton (Belmont Abbey, Worcester); D.J. Skipper (Watford G.S., Brasenose); R.R. Winn (Dauntsey's, Exeter), L.P. MacLachlan (Plumtree, Trinity); J.J. Steel (St. Andrews, N.Z. New Coll.), R.C.P. Allaway (Durham H.S., Univ.); J.P. Fellows-Smith (Durham H.S., Brasenose); A.W. Boyce (King's, S.A. St. Edmund); D.W. Bryer (Gray Coll., S.A. Univ.); E.A.J. Ferguson (Rugby, Oriel); A.W. Ramsay (Mill Hill, Brasenose); D.E. Wood (Luton G.S., St. Edmund H.).

Cambridge — P. M. Davies (Lancaster Trinity H.); H. B. Griffiths (Lancaster Christ's); K. J. Dalgleish (Fettes, St. Catherine's); D. R. W. Stik (Christ's Hos., Sidcup, Surrey); P. Roberts (Mill Hill, Chalcots); H. P. Morgan (Wycombe, St. John's); T. C. Pearson (Gundale, Chalcots); M. J. O. Mastey (Oundle, St. John's); R. Macexen (Bishop's, Catherline's); D. G. Massie (King's School, Marlesfield & Christ's); P. J. F. Wheeler (Rugby, Magdalene); J. P. K. Aquith (Purley, Ponsonby); L. D. S. Beer (Whitgift, St. Catherine's); J. W. Clements (Cranley, Trinity H.); P. H. Ryan (Harrow, Caius).—(London Express Service).

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Lady Churchill, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Christopher Soames, will arrive in Stockholm today and will stay at the Royal Castle.

Lady Churchill will attend several official receptions and parties in Stockholm but has made a special request to be left enough time for sightseeing.

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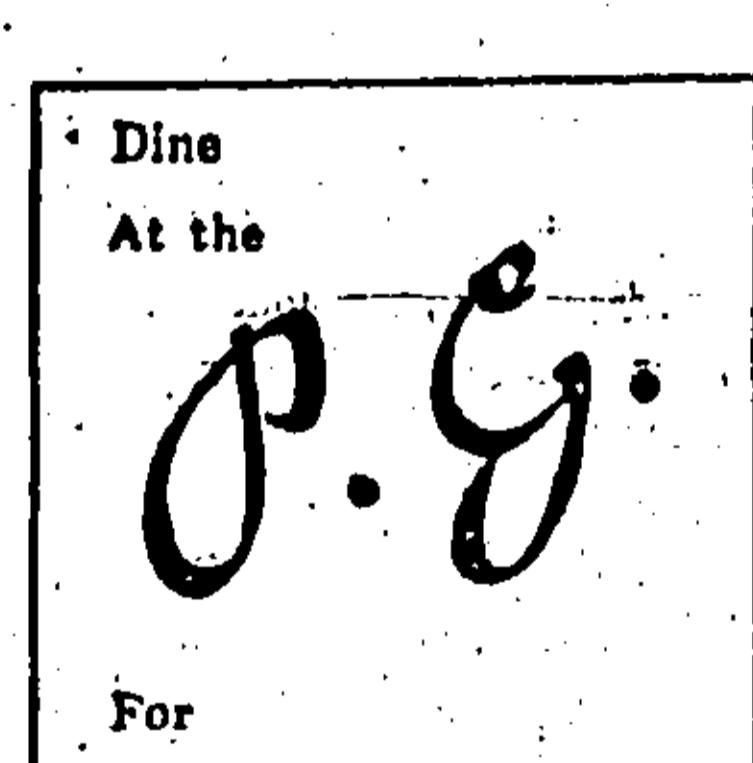


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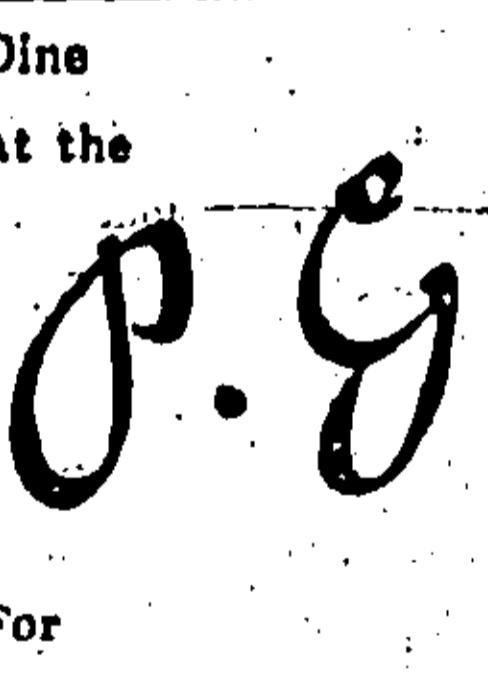
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TUESDAY BY AIR

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King Baudouin And The Everest Heroes



King Baudouin of the Belgians with the Mount Everest conquerors, Colonel Sir John Hunt (left) and Sir Edmund Hillary (right) who was with his wife, at a conference given in their honour at the Arts Palace in Brussels.—Express Photo.

Agricultural & General Resources Cannot Support India In 1969

Jordan Armistice Commission

Amman, Dec. 7. The Jordan Armistice Commission today raised a protest with the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Observers against "sporadic shooting" by Jewish guards in Jerusalem in the Arab quarter of the town, it was announced here today. The announcement added that there were no casualties as a result of the shooting. — France-Press.

JAPANESE GATT WEAPON

Tokyo, Dec. 8. The Government intends to submit a dual tariff bill to the next session of the Diet, Parliamentary Vice Foreign Minister Akira Otaki said on Monday in reply to a question by Mr. Yehio Numiki, Progressive, in the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee, according to Japanese press reports today. Mr. Otaki made it clear that the Government wants to enforce dual tariff early next year if possible.

He said dual tariff will prove to be a powerful weapon for Japan with regard to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. — Reuter.

British Empire Society For Blind

London, Dec. 7. Tapping out his pipe, the Chairman turned his head to meet a questioner. His eyelids flickered slightly, but the expression in the clear eyes remained unchanged. He was blind.

None could know his subject more completely than he. For John Wilson, a director and secretary, was doubly qualified to discuss the report of the British Empire Society for the Blind.

He told the story of "river blinders" in East and West Africa. It carries it in the bite of the simulium fly—an insect which prefers the darker hues.

Mr. Wilson described the habits of the fly: its breeding grounds in rivers, the injection of a parasitic worm under the human skin; the worm's journey to the corners of the eye to suck light; the eye's destruction.

He outlined the work of the Empire Society during its three-year existence.

FIELD UNITS

The Society's field units have controlled "fly spots" in East Africa, he said. In the Kidera Valley in Kenya, known locally as "the valley of the blind," they used insecticides to cleanse the rivers of flies. And "river blindness" in children dropped from 37 to one percent.

But, Mr. Wilson pointed out, the West African fly is a tougher proposition. It comes from a different branch of the simuliid family to that of the East African species. Its breeding grounds are spread over a network of streams, which complicates elimination. There is no doubt, however, that the fly will eventually be eliminated. Meantime, the Society's curative teams move from village to village and to any settlements with good effect.

Mr. Wilson's history of the work of the Empire Society is

TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

EXCESSIVE BEARISHNESS Markets' Rallies Cannot Be Trusted Too Far

By Sydney S. Campbell, Reuter's Financial Editor

New York, Dec. 8. Stocks lost a little in a quiet session today as traders paused to take stock of the market after its two-week advance.

Profit-taking was in order after the rise which bolstered total market valuation of stocks some \$2,000,000,000 in two weeks.

Tax-selling was said to be a factor also.

Failure of pressure to develop and the light volume on the decline were seen as favourable factor today. Sales amounted to 1,410,000 shares, compared with 1,300,000 on Friday.

An active opening, with prices firm, bolstered the total. American Telephone was the day's most active stock, thanks to a 5,700-share block. It dipped 1% to \$157 1/2.

Several special items did very well, particularly Western Pacific which responded to Supreme Court refusal to reconsider the suit against it by a holding company that once was its owner. The common share ran up 4 1/4 points, the preferred, 4 points.

Of the 1,109 issues traded today, 507 closed lower, 355 higher.

Stocks moved narrowly. The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was at \$3,182,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was at 440,000 shares.

The Dow Jones closing averages were:

	Dec. 7	Dec. 8
20 - Industrials	525.1	526.0
10 - Utilities	52.20	52.72
53 stocks	107.85	107.41
40 bonds	97.03	97.03
Common future price	102.25	102.37
Index		

—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$200,397.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS	HK Brak	1003 1020
Union XD	903	903
Underwriters	7.00 8.10 200	8
DOCKS, ETC.		
K. Wharf	94	
Dock	2120 2115	
(Old)		
Provident	1245 1250 100	12.70
(New)	12.20	
Whealock XD	8.05 8.10 1000	8
	2000	9
	5000	9
	10000	9.10
INDUSTRIES		
Underwriters	7.00 8.10 200	8
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K. Wharf	94	
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Whealock XD	8.05 8.10 1000	8
	2000	9
	5000	9
	10000	9.10
LAND, ETC.		
HK Hotel	814 8.40 2,500	8.20
HK Land	7470 7515 313 Q 7414	10.20
Healy XD		
(Old)		
R. & X. Rts	100 2. 2000	1.00
(Old)		
Blanket crepe	102.25	102.37
Index		

—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Dec. 7. The market eased a bit today. Closing Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Dec. 6/7	Dec. 7/8
Feb.	60 1/2-60 1/2	60 1/2-60 1/2
Mar.	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2
Apr./June	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2
July/Sept.	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2
General markets, cb	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2
Jan.	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2
Feb.	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2
Estate crepe thick thin	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2
Blanket crepe	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	59 1/2-59 1/2	59 1/2-59 1/2

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 7. The rubber market was steady with No. 1 Raa spot quoted at 17 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

17 1/2 pence per lb.	17 1/2-18
Spot	17 1/2-18
General house term:	17 1/2-18
Jan.	17 1/2-18
March	17 1/2-18
April/June	17 1/2-18
July/Sept.	17 1/2-18
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Jan.	17 1/2-18
Feb.	17 1/2-18
Estate crepe thick thin	17 1/2-18

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Dec. 7. Rubber futures today closed 15 points higher with rates of 2 cents.

Spot No. 1 Raa were quoted at 21 1/2 cents a pound. Prices of futures closed as follows:

Dec.	21 1/2b
March	21 1/2b
May	21 1/2b
July	21 1/2b
Sept.	21 1/2b
Dec.	21 1/2b

—United Press.

AMSTERDAM MARKET

Amsterdam, Dec. 7. The rubber market was steady. Prices closed today as follows (in guilders per kilogram):

No. 1 rubber Jan.	1.70 buyers
No. 2 rubber Jan.	1.70 buyers
No. 3 rubber Jan.	1.70 buyers
No. 4 rubber Jan.	1.70 buyers
No. 1 crepe rubber Jan.	1.70 buyers

—United Press.

VOLTA RIVER PROJECT

Accra, Dec. 6. Dr Arthur Morgan, 1st Chairman of the United States Tennessee Valley Authority who is in the Gold Coast to advise on the £144,000,000 Volta River project, said today that it was feasible and well planned.

Compared with other projects he said the Volta plant might be an exceptionally low cost project for electric power.

The proposed scheme for the world's largest aluminum producer and the largest hydroelectric plant in Africa is to be handled jointly by the Gold Coast and British governments.

Aluminum Limited of Canada and the British Aluminum Company—China Mail Special.

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**JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK**

Edward's Car

IT was a day that would dwell forever in the memories of Edward and his family. The day they bought the car.

Never would Edward, his wife, his schoolgirl daughter or the elder one who went out to work, forget their excitement when, for the first time, their car stood outside their own front gate.

The possibilities of car ownership almost overwhelmed them. It brought the sense to their doorstep, in a manner of speaking, and made them free of the kingdom from Land's End to John o' Groats.

A SYMBOL

In a way, the car was a symbol representing a peak point in Edward's career, showing how far he had come.

He had started his working life quite humbly, as a warehouse lad in a Covent Garden firm.

Now, after 20 years, he was the firm's chief salesman, earning £12 a week and nearly £50 in bonuses each year.

No doubt he could have owned a car before—in the days between the wars when prices were so low. But he believed in living within his means, and he waited until this year.

It was a second-hand car, nothing racy about it, an ordinary, comfortable, reliable family saloon.

KEEPING UP

RELIABLE? Well, that is what the man from whom Edward bought it said.

But presently, Edward's car, like a spoilt old lady who discovers ailment to attract attention to herself, began to give trouble. Small things went wrong at first, then complications set in.

The cost of keeping the car on the road began to outpace Edward's income. He began to embezzle money from his employers, to keep up with the car.

SIX DAYS CRIME

In the six days his criminal career lasted, the six days between the first altered entry in his books and the discovery of his crimes, Edward took just over £9.

The police were called, and, the other morning, Edward, from the dock at Bow Street, pleaded guilty to the three charges of embezzlement against him, and asked the Chief Magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunn, to take into consideration two others.

A detective-sergeant went into the witness-box and said: "Sir Laurence, this is one of those cases where there seems no real explanation of the stupidity of the prisoner..." He told of Edward's impressive working record and his blameless life. He told the history of the car.

JOB GONE

"YOU'RE quite satisfied, are you, that this had not been going on before these six days?" the Chief Magistrate asked the officer.

"Perfectly satisfied," the detective-sergeant answered.

"Has he lost his job?"

"Yes, sir."

"What do you want to say?"

Sir Laurence asked Edward, a neat man of 44, with brown hair brushed back, and horn-rimmed spectacles.

"Sorry I've been so stupid, caused all this trouble," Edward said.

"Well, usually, when people betray trust placed in them, they go to prison," said the Chief Magistrate. "Your good character stands you in good stead. You've lost that now. On each of these three charges there will be a fine of £5."

Edward asked for and was given time to pay. In the time he was given, he would sell the car, perhaps, to raise the money.

The car might have to go. They would always be in Edward's family, remembered the happier day when it had arrived, and this day at Bow Street would dwell forever in their memories, too.

'What's His Line?' Solution
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New Honour For Gen. Gruenthal



Chinese Catholic Priests Still Working Actively

Dublin, Dec. 7.

More than 100 young Roman Catholic priests are working in Communist China today after slipping across the "bamboo curtain" disguised as carpenters and mechanics to foil Communist decrees of death and torture, a Jesuit Mission official announced.

Father T. Martin, Secretary of the Irish Jesuit Missions, said more than 120 priests disguised as artisans have pierced Red China's frontiers and that more than 100 of the missionaries have avoided capture "and are working with mighty enthusiasm."

Assembly Expected To Recess

United Nations, Dec. 7.

The United Nations Political Committee voted tonight to recess the General Assembly tomorrow without a full Korean debate and meet early next year if a majority favours it.

The vote was 55-0 with the five-nation Soviet bloc abstaining.

The Russians and their allies sought in vain to leave it solely to the Assembly President, Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India, to reconvene the 60-nation world Parliament if the situation in Korea requires it. But a Polish amendment to this effect was overwhelmed by a 50-5 margin with five abstentions.

Father Martin said the priests are young Chinese who study both the priesthood and a trade at the Jesuit Regional Seminary in Hongkong.

By learning carpentry, mechanics or other trades, the priests manage to avoid the Communist crusade against religion which has killed, tortured, or imprisoned hundreds of missionaries.

MIGHTY ENTHUSIASM

"When it is known they are Catholics, they are always persecuted," he said. "But we know that over 100 are still free and working with mighty enthusiasm."

Father Martin said the traders-priests make contact with religious Chinese through their work as artisans and help build up Christian faith in the districts to which they are assigned.

This year Communist China began releasing Christian missionaries who had been gaeted on charges of espionage and sabotage.

The Russians had been expected to insist on an all-out Korean debate at the current session, slated to wind up tomorrow. But the Soviet delegate, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, and his satellite friends agreed to forgo a debate now.

But all told of starvation, torture and brain-washing after their arrest.

The Roman Catholic Church had placed workers-priests in European parishes. In France, the centre of the workers' movement, their mission was to carry religion to workers by working with them in shops and factories.—United Press.

Govt Wins Vote

London, Dec. 7.

The House of Commons tonight rejected the Labour Opposition "prayer" that the government should cancel its Order in Council suspending the constitution of British Guiana, which deposed the local government.

The rejection of the "prayer" was carried by 304 votes to 271—a government majority of 33 votes.—France-Press.

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Alleged Conspiracy & Corruption

DRIVING SCHOOL PUPILS GIVE EVIDENCE

Three pupils of the Chung Wah Driving School testified before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court of how they received tuition and later passed driving tests when the case against seven men on charges of conspiracy and corruption continued this morning.

The accused were Chu Kwan-ye, 38, Police interpreter attached to Kowloon City Police Station; Wong Kwong-cho, alias Wong Joe, 43, proprietor of the Kwong Wah Driving School; Young Kwok-hon, 32, proprietor of the Chung Wah Driving School; Mak Po-hon, 34, proprietor of the Po Kwong Driving School; Kwok Kam, alias Kwok Chi-kuen, 31, proprietor of the Nam Fong Driving School; Lee Lin-szu, 29, waiter; and Chung Ling, 23, driving instructor.

The first and fifth accused were represented by Mr D. A. L. W. Jhi, instructed by Hastings Company. Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr F. X. d'Almeida, defended the second and sixth accused. Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr Alfred Hon, represented the third and fourth accused, while Mr Francis H. B. Wong appeared for the seventh. The Prosecution was conducted by Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel.

The accused were charged with conspiring with others not in custody between June 21 and August 17 this year to give money to Sub-Inspector R. G. Ibbotson, formerly of the Kowloon Traffic Office, as a reward for preferential treatment to certain members of the public in passing them in their driving tests.

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